(a) whether it is a fact that all four companies engaged in marketing LPG in the State of Andhra Pradesh have increased the prices of their L.P.G. cylinders;

(b) whether prior approval of Government was obtained before increasing prices by the companies;

(c) whether Government were satisfied about the steps taken by the companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Presently IOC, BPC and HPC are engaged in the marketing of LPG. The price of packed LPG (domestic) was revised in June, 1995 all over the country including Andhra Pradesh consequent to increase in the LPG distributors' commission.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Reports and Accounts (1992-93) and (1993-94) of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Madam I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 1992-93, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9084/96]

(ii) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9085/96]

(iii) Statement by Government accepting the above Reports. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9086/96]

(iv) Statements giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9087/96]

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Dredging Corporation of India Ltd., Visakhapatnam and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Kandla Dock Labour Board, Kandla and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Visakhapatnam Dock Labour Board Visakhapatnam and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): Madam I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956:—

(i) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Dredging Corporation of India Limited, Visakhapatnam, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9293/96]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under Section 5E of the Dock Workers (Regulation of

Employment) Act, 1948:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Kandla Dock Labour Board, Kandla for the year 1994-95, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9295/96]

III. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Visakhapatnam Dock Labour Board, Visakhapatnam, for the year 1994-95, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9296/96]

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.....*(interruptions)*.....After the Question Hour, hon. Members also should restrain themselves for five minutes, till the papers are laid. If they start moving around, the Ministers might not know that their names were called either by the Chairman or by me. So, I would request all the hon. Members to sit down and let the Papers be laid.

After this, let them move around.

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., Mumbai and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): Madam I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956:—

(i) (a) Ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Nigam. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9090/96]

(ii) (a) Ninth Annual Report and Accounts of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, Mumbai, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Nigam. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-9091/96]

II. Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Annual Welfare Board of India, Madras and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute Bangalore and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Madam I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Animal Welfare Board of India, Madras, for the year